

## **McCauley Animal Clinic**

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## **Internet Prescription Liability Release**

Dear Client,

We received a request from an online pharmacy to dispense medication for your pet. If medically appropriate, we will honor this request. However, we feel your decision should be an informed one. The doctors at McCauley Animal Clinic are concerned about internet mail-order medications for several reasons:

- 1. Despite what we authorize in writing for the medication, dosage, and instructions, we have no control over and no knowledge of what is actually being dispensed to you. Please see FDA article, "Purchasing Pet Drugs Online: Buyer Beware" regarding potential dangers of purchasing medications from internet pharmacies.
- 2. Major manufacturers (Elanco, Zoetis, Bayer, Merial, etc.) of veterinary specific products (Heartgard<sup>®</sup>, Trifexis<sup>®</sup>, Sentinel<sup>®</sup>, Revolution<sup>®</sup>, Deramaxx<sup>®</sup>, Rimadyl<sup>®</sup>, to name a few) maintain a policy of sales exclusively through licensed veterinarians. When dispensed through your veterinarian, these products come with manufacturer-supported guarantees regarding effectiveness, labeling, and proper freshness dating. The manufacturers do not authorize internet and/or catalog pharmacies to sell their products, so they <u>do not guarantee</u> their products when purchased through these outlets.
- 3. Some of these medications have been improperly imported from overseas. Since these products are packaged and labeled for sale in foreign countries, their sale in the U.S. is illegal.

We are unable to ensure that the medications we authorize are actually sent to you in a legal and professional manner, and therefore, we will not become involved in any product failure issues for prescription or non-prescription products purchased through these internet pharmacies. We have reviewed prices of common medications on the internet sites, and feel that our prices are competitive, especially when you factor in continuity of care, manufacturer support, and assurance of product quality. It is always our goal to serve our clients to the best of our abilities and to keep our patients healthy. Please choose wisely and shop carefully.

In order for us to authorize your internet pharmacy request, please sign	and date below signifying you have
read and understand the above statements, and will in no way hold Mc	Cauley Animal Clinic or the
doctors/employees responsible for any adverse reactions or failure of the	he product purchased from an internet
pharmacy.	
Client Signature	Date

The Doctors and Staff at McCauley Animal Clinic